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Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge Joint Health Area

Public Health Office,
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4th August, 1950.

To the Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge Joint Health Committee.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1949.

The Report is given in the same form as that adopted last year. In the first part of the Report, sections dealing with STAFF, STATISTICS, HEALTH SERVICES, and INFECTIOUS DISEASE are combined to show particulars both for the Joint Health Area and for each District. In the second part of the Report separate sections are given for each of the five Districts dealing with the SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT, HOUSING, and INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. Separate Reports by the Sanitary Inspectors are not given, but the record of their work is incorporated in the Report.

Vital Statistics.

The estimated population for the Joint Health Area and for each District except Sevenoaks Urban District shows an increase on that for the previous year. The BIRTH-RATE in common with that for England and Wales is lower in each District than in the previous year except in the case of Tonbridge Rural District. The DEATH-RATE in each District is higher than that of the previous year, as is also the Death-Rate for England and Wales. The INFANT MORTALITY RATE for the Joint Health Area is 30·5, compared with 32 for England and Wales. Two maternal deaths occurred in the Area. The various Rates for each District are shown in the Statistical Section of the Report.

Infectious Disease.

The incidence of scarlet fever and measles was slightly lower than in the previous year and that of whooping cough markedly lower; no deaths occurred from these diseases. No case of diphtheria was notified in the Area during the year.

Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis).

During the year, 35 cases of poliomyelitis were notified and there were 3 deaths. Fortunately, many of the cases were of a mild type. The age distribution of the cases in the Area was as follows:—

0–1	1–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–65
1	5	8	6	3	10	1	1

The 35 cases occurred in the following months of the year:—

Jan.	Feb.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2	2	2	5	18	3	3

The worst week was that ended ~~22nd~~ 15th October, when 6 notifications were received; this was also the worst week in England and Wales with a total of 463 notifications. The number of cases in each District is shown in the Infectious Disease Tables, from which it will be seen that the incidence was highest in the two Rural Districts. Many visits were paid to actual and suspected cases, and both the local Doctors and the Hospital Authorities were extremely co-operative.

Milk and Dairies.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, came into operation on the 1st October. By these Regulations the supervision of milk production on dairy farms was transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The Local Authorities retain responsibility for those provisions which apply outside dairy farms, for the provisions relating to diseases communicable to man, and for the registration of dairies which are not dairy farms and of dairymen who are not dairy farmers.

The Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949, and the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949, also came into operation, and the District Councils also have certain duties under these Regulations. In the Report the particulars regarding Milk Production are given as at the 30th September, 1949, as the issue of licences under the new Regulations was only partly completed by the end of the year.

Food Hygiene.

During the year the Sanitary Inspectors continued to pay particular attention to the hygienic handling of food and much educational work was carried out at food premises.

Water Supplies.

An important development affecting the water supply of the Area is the laying of a 12-inch main from Sevenoaks to Tonbridge; over two miles of this was completed in 1949.

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On the 31st March, 1950, Dr. R. J. Chapman retired from the position of Deputy Medical Officer of Health, and I take this opportunity of recording my thanks to him for his valuable assistance.

Dr. P. M. Kirkwood was appointed to fill the vacancy as part-time Deputy Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. Mark Jenner, the Senior Sanitary Inspector of the Tonbridge Urban District Council, also retired on the 31st March, 1950, after long service in the town. My thanks are due to him for his willing help and he has my best wishes for a happy retirement.

On the 2nd May, Mr. J. H. Elphick was appointed Senior Sanitary Inspector to the Tonbridge Urban District Council.

May I again thank the Members and Officials of the District Councils and my staff for their valuable co-operation during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. CRAWFORD,
Medical Officer of Health.

SEVENOAKS, SOUTHBOROUGH AND TONBRIDGE JOINT HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1949

Chairman:

Mrs. E. HYATT-WOOLF, J.P., Tonbridge R.D. Council.

Members:

Mrs. A. W. SPURRELL	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. W. J. SMALL	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. F. E. PAGE	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mrs. M. JERWOOD	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mrs. E. S. VINER	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. E. PHILCOX	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mrs. K. V. DAVISON	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. H. E. HALL, J.P.	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mrs. N. C. SALMON, J.P.	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. W. A. J. MANN, J.P.	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Major-Gen. F. A. M. B. JENKINS, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Miss P. L. FERGUSON	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. J. HURST	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. P. G. W. STONE	Southborough U.D. Council

Clerk: Mr. B. LEE, Tonbridge R.D. Council.

CHAIRMEN, CLERKS AND SURVEYORS OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT COUNCILS, 1949

Mr. H. Micklem, J.P., Chairman	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. J. Mudd, Clerk	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. N. W. Cole, Engineer and Surveyor	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. S. V. Berwick, J.P., Chairman ...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. G. T. Bradbury, Clerk	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. H. E. Phillips, Engineer and Surveyor	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mrs. E. Hyatt-Woolf, J.P., Chairman ...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. B. Lee, Clerk	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. W. N. Miller, Engineer and Surveyor	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. W. A. J. Mann, J.P., Chairman ...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. S. J. Thorne, Clerk	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. B. Bishop, Engineer and Surveyor...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Major E. Ruffell, M.C., J.P., Chairman...	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. J. R. Nicholson, Clerk	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. T. A. Scott, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector	Southborough U.D. Council

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

J. W. CRAWFORD, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

R. J. CHAPMAN, M.C., M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.
(Retired 31st March, 1950)

P. M. KIRKWOOD, M.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M. & H.
(appointed 17th April, 1950)

CLERICAL STAFF:

Chief Clerk: Mrs. S. C. Downs. Shorthand-Typist: Miss J. G. Jones.

SANITARY INSPECTORS:

Sevenoaks Rural District.

P. J. Cherry, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.

E. J. A. Bettle, M.R.S.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods (also Salvage Officer)

A. D. Lofts, M.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

F. P. Cage, temporary General Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

R. H. Terry, temporary Additional Sanitary Inspector for Rural Housing Survey (appointed 1st April, 1949).

Sevenoaks Urban District.

W. J. Gypps, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

S. C. Clark, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jt.Bd.
Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

Tonbridge Rural District.

W. J. Davies, A.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

H. C. Coldrick, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jt.Bd.
Additional Sanitary Inspector. (Resigned 30th April, 1949.)

E. J. Griffiths, R.S.I. and Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Sanitary Inspector. (Commenced 1st July, 1949.)

Tonbridge Urban District.

M. Jenner, M.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector. (Retired 31st March, 1950.)

J. H. Elphick, A.R.S.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

Southborough Urban District.

T. A. Scott, C.R.S.I., Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

W. D. Mugford, Tech. Asst. to Surveyor and S.I. (resigned June, 1949).

P. M. Walsh, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other Foods, Cert. R.I.P.H. & H., Tech. Asst. to Surveyor and S.I. (appointed 22nd August, 1949).

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Seven-oaks R.D.	Seven-oaks U.D.	Ton-bridge R.D.	Ton-bridge U.D.	South-borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
Area (in acres) . .	62,959	3,720	41,687	4,599	1,759	114,724
Resident Population (R.G's estimate mid-1949) . . .	32,590	15,680	21,760	19,250	8,805	98,085
Estimated civilian population, mid 1948	31,330	16,290	21,560	19,100	8,664	96,944
No. of inhabited houses (end of 1949) according to Rate Book .	9,455	4,531	6,552	5,517	2,674	28,729
Rateable Value . .	£209,777	£182,644	£145,493	£163,533	£65,569	£767,016
Sum represented by a penny rate . .	£820	£760	£582	£615	£254	£3,031

Sevenoaks, Southborough & Tonbridge Joint Health Area.

INCLUDING URBAN DISTRICTS OF SEVENOAKS, SOUTHBOROUGH & TONBRIDGE
AND RURAL DISTRICTS OF SEVENOAKS & TONBRIDGE

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J. W. CRAWFORD,
M.D., D.P.H.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
TEL. TONBRIDGE 3329

Public Health Offices,
214, High Street,
Tonbridge.

20th September, 1950.

Dear Sir,

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, Sevenoaks, Southborough & Tonbridge Joint Health Area for 1949.

In the copies of the above Report sent to you on 8/9/50, on page 10 under "GENERAL STATISTICS" "Resident Population (R.G's estimate mid-1949" should read "Civilian Population (R.G's estimate mid-1949", and on page 11 under "EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR", "Birth Rate per 1,000 esti ated resident population, 1949" should read "Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated civilian population 1949", and "Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population, 1949" should read "Death Rate per 1,000 estimated civilian population 1949".

I should be glad if you would amend your copies accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. Crawford

Medical Officer of Health

The Secretary,
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall,
S.W. 1.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1949.

		Seven-oaks R.D.	Seven-oaks U.D.	Ton-bridge R.D.	Ton-bridge U.D.	South-borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
Live Births	Legitimate: Male	250	100	183	149	62	744
	Female	247	72	165	139	55	678
	Total	497	172	348	288	117	1,422
	Illegitimate: Male	13	6	11	9	3	42
	Female	20	6	14	3	2	45
	Total	33	12	25	12	5	87
	Total Live Births	530	184	373	300	122	1,509
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population, 1949		16·3	11·7	17·1	15·6	13·8	15·4
Still Births	Legitimate: Male	4	1	4	4	1	14
	Female	8	5	3	3	–	19
	Total	12	6	7	7	1	33
	Illegitimate: Male	–	–	1	1	–	2
	Female	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Total	–	–	1	1	–	2
	Total Still Births	12	6	8	8	1	35
Still-Birth Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births		22·1	31·6	29·9	26·0	8·1	22·7
Deaths	Male	197	81	123	103	59	563
	Female	207	91	143	139	67	647
	Total	404	172	266	242	126	1,210
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population, 1949		12·4	11·0	12·2	12·5	14·3	12·3
Maternal Mortality	Puerperal sepsis	1	–	–	–	1	2
	Other causes	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Total	1	–	–	–	1	2
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		1·9	0·0	0·0	0·0	8·1	1·3
Infantile Mortality	Male	17	2	7	2	1	29
	Female	7	1	4	5	–	17
	Total	24	3	11	7	1	46
Death Rate under one year of age:							
All infants per 1,000 live births		45·3	16·3	29·7	23·3	8·2	30·5
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		42·2	11·6	31·6	20·8	8·5	28·8
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		90·9	83·3	0·0	83·3	0·0	57·5

BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE, AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY FOR 1949.

	Rate per 1000 of Population		Annual Death-Rate per 1,000 Population										Rate per 1000 Live Births	
	Live Births	Still Births	All Causes	Tyhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Tuberculosis	Influenza	Smallpox	AC. Poliomyelitis & Polioencephalits	Pneumonia	All Causes under 1 year	Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years)
ENGLAND & WALES ...	16.7	0.39	11.7	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.45	0.15	0.00	0.01	0.51	32	3.0
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	18.7	0.47	12.5	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.52	0.15	0.00	0.02	0.56	37	3.8
148 Smaller Towns (Resident Population 25,000-50,000 at 1931 Census)...	18.0	0.40	11.6	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.42	0.14	...	0.02	0.49	30	2.4
LONDON Admin. County	18.5	0.37	12.2	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.52	0.11	...	0.01	0.59	29	1.7
JOINT HEALTH AREA	15.4	0.36	12.3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.06	...	0.03	0.51	30.5	6.0
Sevenoaks R.D.	16.3	0.34	12.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.06	...	0.06	0.52	45.3	13.0
Sevenoaks U.D.	11.7	0.38	11.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.00	...	0.00	0.13	16.3	0.0
Tonbridge R.D.	17.1	0.37	12.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.04	...	0.04	0.64	29.7	2.7
Tonbridge U.D.	15.6	0.41	12.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.41	0.05	...	0.00	0.83	23.3	3.3
Southborough U.D. ...	13.8	0.11	14.3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.23	...	0.00	0.23	8.2	0.0

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES).
(Supplied by the Registrar-General.)

Causes of Death	Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	8	3	3	1	3	5	1	7	1	...	16	16
Other Forms of Tuberculosis ...	1	2	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	3	4
Syphilitic Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Influenza	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	2	4
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	1
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2
Acute Infective Encephalitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cancer (all forms)	42	39	13	14	11	29	24	21	7	5	97	108
Diabetes	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	...	2	2
Intracranial Vascular Lesions ...	15	32	9	13	20	17	11	28	6	9	61	99
Heart Diseases...	53	65	27	33	42	39	32	35	19	27	173	199
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	7	8	8	10	9	7	6	12	7	3	37	40
Bronchitis	6	9	2	2	4	4	2	4	4	2	18	21
Pneumonia	9	8	1	1	4	10	9	7	1	1	24	27
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	4	1	4	...	2	2	1	...	...	4	11	7
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ...	2	2	1	1	...	3	...	1	or 1	1	4	8
Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...	7	...	...	..	1	...	...	1	...	...	8	1
Appendicitis	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Other Digestive Diseases	4	1	1	...	4	2	3	6	3	5	15	14
Nephritis	2	4	1	2	4	1	3	3	5	2	15	12
Puerperal Sepsis	...	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	...	2
Other Maternal Causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...
Premature Birth	2	2	1	...	...	2	1	...	..	...	4	4
Congenital Malformations, Birth Injury, Infantile Disease ...	5	2	2	1	6	1	...	3	...	1	13	8
Suicide	2	1	...	..	3	1	1	...	..	...	6	2
Road Traffic Accidents	...	...	1	..	1	2	2	...	...	1	4	3
Other Violent Causes	6	1	1	2	...	1	2	2	1	1	10	7
All Other Causes	17	23	6	10	6	13	5	7	3	3	37	56
	197	207	81	91	123	143	103	139	59	67	563	647

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

A list of the staff of the Public Health Department is given on Page 9.

Laboratory Service.

The County Laboratory at Maidstone continued to provide full laboratory facilities, and the staff were, as in the past, very co-operative.

Ambulance Services and Home Nursing.

These Services are run by the County Council.

Treatment of Scabies and Verminous Persons.

The new Treatment Centre built as an annex to the Kent County Council Clinic, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, was taken over from the County Council on the 1st April, 1949. This Centre is used for the treatment of patients suffering from Scabies or who require cleansing, where adequate facilities cannot be provided in their own homes. During the year 4 cases of scabies were treated and 11 patients were treated for verminous conditions.

Hospitals.

The Hospitals in the Area are in the Districts of the following Management Committees:—

Tunbridge Wells Management Committee:
Secretary—Mr. E. A. Wagstaff, F.H.A.

Orpington and Sevenoaks Management Committee:
Secretary—Mr. L. G. Bain.

At the suggestion of the Sevenoaks Urban District Council the Joint Health Committee considered the availability of hospital beds for patients suffering from infectious disease in relation to infectious disease prevention, and the Medical Officer of Health was instructed to communicate with the Senior Administrative Medical Officer of the S.E. Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, who kindly supplied him with the Board's proposals in this matter. The Medical Officer of Health was of the opinion that the proposed number of available beds was satisfactory, provided they included an adequate number of isolation cubicles, and reported this to the Joint Committee, who agreed, but instructed the M.O.H. to keep the matter under review.

During the year no difficulties in securing admission to hospitals of patients suffering from infectious disease came to the attention of the Medical Officer of Health. There was still, unfortunately, delay in securing admission to Sanatoria or Hospitals of patients suffering from tuberculosis and chronic sickness.

National Assistance Act, 1948. Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

In only one instance was it necessary for action to be taken under this Section; this was in the case of a woman aged 87 years who was living alone in a house in the Tonbridge Rural District. As she was bedridden and arrangements could not be made to look after her at home, the Council applied for an Order for her removal. This was made for the period of three months and she was admitted to St. Leonards Hospital, East Grinstead, where she settled down comfortably.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936)

District	Homes first registered during year 1949	Homes on Register at end of 1949	Number of Visits	Number of beds provided :		
				Maternity	Others	Total
Sevenoaks R.D. .	–	2	3	–	11	11
Sevenoaks U.D. .	–	3	3	1	16	17
Tonbridge R.D. .	1	3	11	–	44	44
Tonbridge U.D. .	–	1	1	9	3	12
Southborough U.D.	–	1	1	8	1	9
Total .	1	10	19	18	75	93

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The number of cases of Infectious Disease notified in the Districts in the Area during the year 1949 are shown in the following tables:—

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

Disease	Age-Periods												Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths
	0–1	1–2	2–3	3–4	4–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever	1	1	3	2	4	22	3	1	1	..	–	–	38	13	–
Diphtheria	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ac. Primary and Influenzal Pneumonia	3	1	–	4	4	7	2	2	6	25	44	27	125	1	2
Erysipelas	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	5	3	11	5	–
Poliomyelitis	.	–	–	–	1	5	3	1	5	1	1	–	17	13	2
Cerebro-spinal Fever	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–
Dysentery	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	–
Measles	6	16	34	45	38	186	16	1	6	1	1	1	351	–	–
Whooping Cough	1	2	6	5	7	23	1	–	–	–	–	–	45	1	–
Food Poisoning	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	3	1	–

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT

Disease	Age-Periods												Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths
	0–1	1–2	2–3	3–4	4–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever	–	–	2	–	3	9	2	–	–	2	–	–	18	10	–
Ac. Primary and Influenzal Pneumonia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–
Poliomyelitis	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	1	–	–	3	1	–
Enteric Fever including paratyphoid	1	–	–	1	–	–	3	–	–	1	–	–	6	6	–
Measles	1	2	1	3	1	6	3	–	–	–	–	–	17	–	–
Whooping Cough	–	–	3	1	1	2	–	–	1	–	1	–	9	–	–
Food Poisoning	–	–	–	–	–	9	14	16	3	2	1	–	45	–	–

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

Disease	Age-Periods												Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths
	0–1	1–2	2–3	3–4	4–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever	–	1	3	2	3	21	9	2	2	–	–	–	43	25	–
Diphtheria	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ac. Primary and Influenzal Pneumonia	–	1	–	–	1	–	1	–	2	2	3	1	11	1	–
Erysipelas	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	3	1	5	–	–
Poliomyelitis	–	1	–	1	–	2	4	–	2	–	–	–	10	9	1
Enteric Fever including paratyphoid	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	2	2	–
Puerperal pyrexia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	–	–	–	8	7	–
Measles	12	31	36	57	37	251	29	3	2	4	–	–	462	7	2
Whooping Cough	9	11	9	8	12	30	–	–	2	1	–	–	82	2	–
Food Poisoning	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

Disease	Age-Periods												Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths
	0–1	1–2	2–3	3–4	4–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever	–	–	–	3	3	15	1	2	–	–	–	–	24	8	–
Ac. Primary and Influenzal Pneumonia	3	–	1	–	1	1	–	–	2	2	5	10	25	2	1
Erysipelas	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	2	–	3	–	–
Poliomyelitis	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	5	3	–
Enteric Fever including paratyphoid	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–
Puerperal pyrexia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	–
Measles	9	43	41	42	48	155	10	3	4	3	–	–	358	6	–
Whooping Cough	5	6	7	4	7	17	–	–	1	1	1	1	50	1	–
Food Poisoning	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	2	–	–

SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

Disease	Age-Periods												Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths
	0–1	1–2	2–3	3–4	4–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever	–	1	–	2	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	1	–
Ac. Primary and Influenzal Pneumonia	1	1	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	2	–
Enteric Fever including Paratyphoid	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	–
Measles	5	15	24	21	33	85	2	–	1	1	1	–	188	–	–
Whooping Cough	2	1	2	–	4	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	12	–	–

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table gives the total number of new cases notified and the number of deaths registered during the year 1949 in the respective Districts:—

Age-Periods	NEW CASES																				DEATHS																			
	Pulmonary										Non-Pulmonary										Pulmonary								Non-Pulmonary											
	Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0–1 . .	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1 . .	2	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	2	1	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
5 . .	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	1	–	2	–	2	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
15 . .	5	3	1	1	2	2	4	1	–	–	–	2	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
25 . .	4	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	2	1	1	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
35 . .	3	–	–	3	–	–	4	2	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	2	1	–	1	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
45 . .	2	1	–	–	2	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–
55 . .	4	2	–	1	2	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	3	1	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
65 and up .	–	–	–	–	2	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	2	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	21	8	2	7	10	7	13	5	2	2	4	4	1	2	5	3	3	5	–	1	7	4	3	1	5	5	2	7	2	–	1	2	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–
	29		9		17		18		4		8		3		8		8		1		11		4		10		9		2		3		1		1		–		–	

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis and deaths from tuberculosis in each of the five Districts for the last five years:—

Year	NEW CASES																				DEATHS																			
	Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.	
	Pulmonary										Non-Pulmonary										Pulmonary										Non-Pulmonary									
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1945	10	10	9	3	10	7	11	7	1	7	8	7	2	4	4	3	2	2	–	2	4	3	3	1	4	5	5	3	–	–	2	1	–	1	–	1	–	3	–	–
1946	19	14	6	3	12	7	10	6	6	4	1	2	5	3	2	3	4	–	2	–	6	8	3	2	5	2	8	–	1	4	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
1947	28	20	8	6	10	6	15	6	7	2	8	7	1	–	2	1	2	2	–	1	4	6	1	2	6	–	3	6	4	2	1	–	–	1	2	–	2	1	–	1
1948	17	8	7	6	6	9	11	13	4	3	5	3	2	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	3	3	4	5	5	1	3	2	1	2	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–
1949	21	8	2	7	10	7	13	5	2	2	4	4	1	2	5	3	3	5	–	1	7	4	3	1	5	5	2	7	2	–	1	2	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health, show the total number of children who have been immunised in the respective Districts of the Area:—

		Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	South-borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
Number of children immunised as at 31st December, 1949	0-5 years	1649	580	915	852	408	4404
	5-14 years	4476	1851	2625	2157	951	12060
	Totals	6125	2431	3540	3009	1359	16464

The number of children primarily immunised against diphtheria during the year 1949, as shown on a Return kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health, is given for the five Districts of the Area as under:—

		Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	South-borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
Number of children immunised during the year 1949 Primary Inoculations	0-5 years	552	162	261	284	133	1392
	5-14 years	156	45	116	151	46	514
	Totals	708	207	397	435	179	1906

VACCINATION.

The following Return, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health, shows the number of persons vaccinated against smallpox during the year ended 31st December, 1949:—

Age at 31st December 1949	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	South-brough U.D.	Joint Health Area
0-1	168	76	83	54	26	407
1-4	134	46	63	54	9	306
5-14	19	18	2	8	2	49
15 or over	12	16	9	6	5	48
Total	333	156	157	122	42	810

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

All main supplies were satisfactory in sufficiency and quality. During the long spell of dry weather in the summer, certain well supplies were inadequate and of poor quality.

Approximately 95% of the houses in the District are supplied direct with mains water. A small number are supplied by standpipes (accurate figures for Parishes not at present available).

The results of samples taken were as follows:—

		Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	111	8
	Chemical	1	–
Raw water:	Bacteriological	6	3
	Chemical	54	3

No cases of contamination with lead were reported.

Where unsatisfactory results were obtained from small wells, boiling of drinking water was recommended, and several wells were cleaned and repaired.

Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company.

	Yards length.	Size.
Dunton Green	84	4-inch
Council Housing Estate, Otford	336	4-inch
Green Lane, Leigh	423	3-inch

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

Sewer extensions completed during the year:—

Chiddingstone Hoath: 160 yards to connect four houses.
Bullfinch Lane, Chevening: 885 yards of sewer to connect 44 houses.
Charcott, Leigh: 280 yards of sewer to connect 22 houses and bungalows.
Hillfield Road, Dunton Green: 236 yards of sewer to connect 18 houses.
Palace Estate, Otford: 243 yards of sewer to connect 18 houses.
Green Lane, Leigh: 134 yards of sewer to connect 10 bungalows.
Evelyn Road, Otford: 75 yards of sewer to connect one house.
Farley Croft, Westerham: 262 yards of sewer to connect 20 houses.

3. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated		719
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year		5,253
Informal notices:	Served	413
	Complied with	406
Statutory notices:	Served	10
	Complied with:	
	(a) By owners	6
	(b) By Local Authority in default ...	*Nil*
Legal proceedings taken		*Nil*

Analysis of inspections and visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	616
Nuisances etc. (not included under Housing)	428
Swimming pools	16
Hop-pickers' camps	190
Knackers' yards	4
Offensive trades	*Nil*
Factory trades	172
Shop Acts	164
Petroleum Act	123
Cowsheds	925
Dairies	913
Ice-cream premises	122
Meat inspections at slaughterhouses	74
Bakehouses	82
Food shops	401
Food stalls and vehicles	16
Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchens, etc.	85
Food factories	7
Other food preparing places	48
Infectious disease visits	147
Rats and Mice Destruction Act	35
Miscellaneous	662

4. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District	8
Number of huts in District	183
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	560
Number of new huts erected during 1949	*Nil*
Number of inspections	190

In certain camps improvements are required.

5. Disinfestation.

The following infestations were dealt with: flies 13, fleas 7, bugs 4, miscellaneous 6.

6. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of complaints received	171
Number of visits	1,149
Infestations found and treated	135
(Rats: major 12, minor 111. Mice: major 7, minor 5.)	
Estimated kill—rats	1,250

Sewer treatments were carried out in January, February and August, 1949

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	56	116	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	101	128	1	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	3	2	—	—
Total	160	246	1	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Nunber of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	3	3	—	2	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	1	1	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences: (*a*) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...	3	3	—	—	—
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	10	10	—	2	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No, of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	4	...	...	...	...	...
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	17	...	...	...	...	...
Lampshades	1	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	22	...	...	...	...	...

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (*a*) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 301

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose 626

(2) (*a*) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... 25

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose 25

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 3

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 210

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 210

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(*a*) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 2

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:

(*a*) By owners ... ... *Nil*

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners ... *Nil*

(*b*) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 120

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(*a*) By owners 5

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners ... *Nil*

(*c*) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 2

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished ... ... *Nil*

(3) Number of houses awaiting demolition 11

(4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation) 4

(*d*) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936... *Nil*

4. Housing Act, 1936. Part III. Section 26. ... ... *Nil*

Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding.

Accurate information not available.

Rural Housing Survey (position at 31st December, 1949).

Total number of houses surveyed	2,307
Number placed in Category 1	452
,, ,, ,, 2	1,321
,, ,, ,, 3	421
,, ,, ,, 4	23
,, ,, ,, 5	90

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the Year.

Keeping of animals		6
Offensive accumulations		15
Sanitary accommodation	Insufficient	2
	Defective	23
Drainage	Reconstruction	24
	Repaired	34
	Cleansed	20
Cesspools	Abolished	3
	Repaired	32
Conversions to W.C.s		2
Refuse receptacles		6
Food stores		3
Water supplies		12
Walls and ceilings		88
Floors		34
Windows and ventilation		64
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks		17
Staircases		4
Coppers (defective)		8
Dampness		25
Roofs and rainwater pipes		73
Yard paving		8
Chimneys and fireplaces		15
Miscellaneous		142

Camps (temporary housing).

The number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at 31st December, 1949, was as follows:—

"Polhill" Camp ... 10

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1949).

		Completed.	Under Construction.
Council	Permanent	258	150
	Temporary	127	—
Private	Permanent	149	11

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies (as at 30th September, 1949).

Number of producers	195
Number of producer-retailers	19
Number of retailers	20
Number of farms licensed to produce:	
(1) "Accredited" milk	23
(2) "Tuberculin tested"...	90

Improvements during the year: Seven cowsheds were converted, and ten new cowsheds and dairies erected for the production of T.T. milk. Two further cowsheds were constructed and minor improvements made to several other dairies.

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Accredited"	62	6
"Tuberculin tested"	277	59
Non-designated	*Nil*	*Nil*

Number of samples (exclusive of those mentioned above) collected for biological examination: 8, all negative, for tubercle bacilli.

Pasteurisation.

One "Holder" process pasteurising plant was in operation in the District at 30th September, 1949. Four samples for Methylene Blue test and four for Phosphatase test were taken, all satisfactory.

2. Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:	
(*a*) For the manufacture of ice-cream	5
(*b*) For the sale of ice-cream	61
Results of samples taken: Grade 1	8
„ 2	19
„ 3	12
„ 4	18

3. Slaughterhouses.

Only slaughterhouses for pigs are in use in the District. One hundred and sixty-three pigs were killed and 52 inspected. No condemnations were made.

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District.	No. of Visits.	No. of faults and defects found.	No. of faults and defects remedied.
Cafés, restaurants and canteens	48	85	4	4
Bakehouses	24	82	3	2
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food Section 14, Food and Drugs Act)	79	429	11	11
Other Food Shops	106			
Food Stalls and Vehicles ...	3	16	–	–
Food Factories	2	7	–	–

5. Unsound Food.

The following amount of unsound food was condemned during the year:—

	Cwts.	qts.	lbs.
Butchers' meat	6	1	14
Other foods	3	1	17

Tinned foods: 253 tins, bottles, packets, etc.

6. Food Poisoning.

No outbreaks occurred during the year.

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Abundant supply of good quality water. The results of samples taken were as follows:—

Treated water.	Bacteriological: 16 satisfactory; 2 unsatisfactory due to local defects in premises sampled.
	Chemical: *Nil*
Raw water.	Bacteriological: *Nil*
	Chemical: *Nil*

No cases of contamination with lead occurred.

All the houses in the District are supplied by public mains, all direct to houses except five houses supplied by standpipes.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

The following sewers were laid during the year:—

(a) Shenden (1948) Housing Scheme.
Shenden Close ..... 340 feet of 4 inch.
Weald Road ..... 330 feet of 4 inch.

(b) Dartford Road (1948) Housing Scheme.
Holly Bush Lane ..... 25 feet of 4 inch
Dartford Road..... 100 feet of 4 inch.

(c) Bradbourne Park Road (1948) Housing Scheme.
54 feet of 4 inch
262 feet of 6 inch.

(d) White Hart Estate.
White Hart Road ..... 1,155 feet of 6 inch.
600 feet of 6 inch. (Storm water sewer.)
Garth Road ..... 240 feet of 4 inch.
230 feet of 6 inch.

3. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated		109
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year		3,117
Informal Notices:	Served	129
	Complied with	115
Statutory Notices:	Served	7
	Complied with:	
	(a) By owners	6
	(b) By Local Authority in default ...	*Nil*
Legal Proceedings taken		*Nil*

Summary of Visits Paid by Sanitary Inspectors.

Housing	137
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	198
Hop-pickers' Camps	13
Factory Trades	101
Shop Acts	160
Petroleum Act	81
Cowsheds	12
Dairies	145
Ice-cream premises	147
Meat inspections at Slaughterhouses	360
Bakehouses	60
Food Shops	54
Food stalls and vehicles	38
Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchens, etc.	618
Food factories	*Nil*
Other food preparing places	10
Infectious disease visits	210
Rats and Mice Destruction Act	227
Miscellaneous	546
	3,117

4. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District ... ... (on same farm)	2
Number of huts in District	84
Total number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	50
Number of new huts erected during 1949	*Nil*
Number of inspections	13

Conditions were satisfactory at this camp.

5. Disinfestation.

Twelve cases of bug infestations were dealt with during the year and 41 visits were made.

6. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Estimated number of rats killed ... ... (247 treatments undertaken)	3,900

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	30	19	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	63	82	1	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	93	101	1	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(*a*) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...	1	1	—	—	—
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	1	—	—	—

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Sec. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosections for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	5	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (*a*) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 51

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose 137

(2) (*a*) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925... ... 36

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose 100

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ... *Nil*

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 26

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 9

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(*a*) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ... *Nil*

(*b*) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 7

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(*a*) By owners 6

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners ... *Nil*

(*c*) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ... *Nil*

(*d*) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936... *Nil*

4. **Housing Act, 1936. Part III. Section 26.** ... ... *Nil*

Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding.

Accurate information not available.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the Year.

Keeping of animals ...	*Nil*
Offensive accumulations ...	6
Sanitary accommodation—Insufficient ...	2
Defective ...	13
Drainage—Reconstructions ...	4
Repaired ...	13
Cleansed ...	47
Cesspools—Abolished ...	1
Repaired ...	*Nil*
Conversion to W.C.s ...	*Nil*
Refuse receptacles ...	56
Food stores ...	*Nil*
Water supplies ...	*Nil*
Walls and ceilings ...	23
Floors ...	4
Windows and ventilation ...	1
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks ...	10
Staircases ...	*Nil*
Coppers (defective) ...	*Nil*
Dampness ...	12
Roofs and rainwater pipes ...	22
Yard paving ...	1
Chimneys and fireplaces ...	5
Miscellaneous ...	23

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1949).

	Completed.	Under construction.
Council—Permanent ...	235	10
Temporary ...	*Nil*	*Nil*
Private ...	95	5

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. **Milk Supplies** (as at 30th September, 1949).

Number of producers ...	2
Number of producer-retailers ...	*Nil*
Number of retailers ...	5
Number of farms licensed to produce:	
(1) "Accredited" milk ...	*Nil*
(2) "Tuberculin tested" milk ...	1

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Accredited"	2	–
"Tuberculin tested"	33	–
Non-designated	1	–

Pasteurisation.

One "High Temperature Short Time" and one "Holder" pasteurising plant were in operation in the District. Fifteen samples for Methylene Blue test and fifteen for Phosphatase test were satisfactory. Two samples for Methylene and Phosphatase tests were unsatisfactory but this was prior to the issue of license in respect of new plant.

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice cream	3
(b) For the sale of ice cream	22
Results of samples taken: Grade 1	11
,, 2	15
,, 3	8
,, 4	3

3. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District	2

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	1,305	449	1,030	3,581	395
Number inspected	1,305	449	515	1,790	395
All diseases except tuberculosis:					
Whole carcases condemned ...	—	1	1	4	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	667		1	76	15
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	32.32		0.38	5.58	4.30
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcases condemned ...	10	13	—	—	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	199		—	—	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	12.65		—	—	1.77

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District.	No. of Visits.	No. of faults and defects found.	No. of faults and defects remedied.
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ...	79	487	13	12
Bakehouses	7	49	—	—
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14, Food & Drugs Act)	21	131	—	—
Other food shops	55	201	—	—
Food stalls and vehicles	2	38	1	1
Food factories	—	—	—	—

5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year:

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Meat from butchers' shops	–	2	–	10	–
Edible offal, from Govt. slaughterhouses ...	8	12	2	2	–
Meat do. do. ...	7	13	3	16	–
Other food (including tinned food)... ...	–	4	3	16	8

6. Food Poisoning.

Two mild outbreaks of food poisoning occurred during the year.

(a) Total number of outbreaks 2

(b) Number of cases 45

(c) Number of deaths ... ... *Nil*

(d) No pathogenic organisms or toxins were isolated in either outbreak.

(e) One outbreak involving 29 cases was considered to be due to meat-pies made on the premises. In the other outbreak involving 16 cases the food responsible could not be determined.

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Supplies were sufficient in quantity throughout the year. All main supplies were of satisfactory quality. In the case of an Estate supply where unsatisfactory samples had been received from time to time, an automatic chlorinator was installed during the year. The boiling of drinking water etc. was recommended where unsatisfactory samples were received from isolated shallow wells, and works were undertaken to exclude surface water. No cases of contamination with lead were reported. The results of samples taken were as follows:—

		Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water.	Bacteriological	17	2
	Chemical	5	1
Raw water.	Bacteriological	2	4
	Chemical	5	1

Approximately 95% of the dwelling-houses are supplied direct with main water; approximately 1% are supplied by standpipes (exact figures per Parish not yet available). Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

Water Company.	Site.	Mains.
Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company.	Riding Lane, Hildenborough ...	308 yards of 3 inch
	Craftcast Estate do. ...	116 yards of 3 inch
	Horns Lodge do. ...	471 yards of 3 inch
	Hill View Road do. ...	87 yards of 3 inch
	Craftcast Estate do. ...	208 yards of 4 inch

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

A good start was made on the major schemes of sewerage and sewage disposal. At Horsmonden about 75% of the main sewer was laid and some houses connected. At Brenchley a small disposal works at Castle Hill was constructed. Work was commenced on the construction of the new works for Hadlow. Repairs and replacements of machinery at several small disposal plants were carried out.

3. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	300
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	2,886
Informal Notices—Served	252
Complied with	229
Statutory Notices served	*Nil*
Legal proceedings taken	*Nil*

Analysis of Inspection and Visits made by Sanitary Inspectors during the Year.

Housing	1,165
Nuisances etc. (not included under Housing)	162
Swimming pools	10
Hop-pickers' camps	309
Knackers' yards	8
Factory trades	43
Shop Acts	59
Cowsheds	253
Dairies	45
Ice-cream premises	122
Meat inspections at slaughterhouses	18
Bakehouses	35
Food shops	123
Food stalls and vehicles	26
Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchens, etc.	84
Food factories	32
Other food preparing places	48
Infectious disease visits	47
Rats and Mice Destruction Act	92
Miscellaneous	190

4. Hop-Pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District	97
Number of huts in District	4,818
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	20,712
Number of new huts erected during 1949	78
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1949 ...	309

Water supply—90 camps have main water supply. Remainder supplied by springs and wells.

Scavenging—Generally good.

Cookhouse accommodation—Adequate.

Closet accommodation—Mainly trench latrines. Two camps, including the largest, have water closets.

General camp supervision—Generally satisfactory.

Hop-picking commenced on the 25th August at a number of farms, and the majority of the hop-pickers were engaged before the end of the month. The early start was attributed to the warm and dry weather conditions which prevailed during the three previous months. Since last season 78 new huts have been erected and 40 demolished as being either obsolete or unfit. The growers are generally replacing old huts with better structures, and pickers have expressed satisfaction with the new type of accommodation. Camp conditions have improved, particularly the scavenging arrangements. Very little food waste was noted. Latrine accommodation has continued to show improvement and only in a few cases was it found necessary to take action with growers. Dr. Cauchi, of the Ministry of Health, visited the District and inspected a number of the camps. As in previous years, first-aid huts in the main hop-picking areas were staffed by the British Red Cross and other organisations.

5. Disinfestation.

Sixty-two visits were made to premises for treatment, mainly in connection with fly and bug infestations, and 32 houses were treated. A few serious outbreaks of fly infestations occurred in the early summer but not to the same extent as in the previous year. These were satisfactorily dealt with by the application of insecticides and fumigants. No serious bug infestation was manifest in the District.

6. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Rodents killed during the year: Rats 4,857, Mice 75.
Number of complaints: 114.

	Rats.	Mice.
Killed in private premises	1,476	75
do. business premises	217	–
do. Council premises	3,164	–
Total rodents killed ...	4,857	75

Large-scale treatment of refuse dumps and sewage disposal works proved effective and during the year the section of the Hadlow sewer, which has been infested in previous years, was dealt with.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	44	25	4	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	8	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	14	22	2	Nil
Total	66	47	6	Nil

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature ...	Nil				
Inadequate ventilation	2	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary conveniences: (*a*) Insufficient	2	1	Nil	1	Nil
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...	Nil				
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ...	Nil				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil				
Total	6	4	Nil	1	Nil

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	2	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (*a*) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 639

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose 1,165

(2) (*a*) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... 457

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose 457

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 4

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 335

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 182

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(*a*) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ... *Nil*

(*b*) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 70

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(*a*) By owners 64

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners ... *Nil*

(*c*) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 6

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished 29

(3) Number of houses awaiting demolition (including houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made in previous year) 8

(4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation) ... 2

(*d*) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936... *Nil*

4. Housing Act, 1936. Part III. Section 26. ... ... *Nil*

Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding.

Little evidence of serious statutory overcrowding in the area.

Rural Housing Survey (position at 31st December, 1949).

Total number of houses surveyed	2,464
Number placed in category 1	1,191
,, ,, ,, 2	428
,, ,, ,, 3	627
,, ,, ,, 4	40
,, ,, ,, 5	*178

* In 57 cases Demolition Orders have been made.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the Year.

Keeping of animals	10
Offensive accumulations	12
Sanitary accommodation—Insufficient	43
Defective	37
Drainage—Reconstruction	55
Repaired	12
Cleansed	23
Cesspools—Abolished	7
Repaired	2
Conversion to W.C.s	15
Refuse receptacles	5
Food stores	11
Water supplies	5
Walls and ceilings	223
Floors	45
Windows and ventilation	39
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	17
Staircases	6
Coppers (defective)	7
Dampness	162
Roofs and rainwater pipes	67
Yard paving	14
Chimneys and fireplaces	32
Miscellaneous	46

Sandhole Camp, Matfield.

Twenty-seven huts were occupied at the end of the year. As huts become vacant, they are being demolished and the sites cleared.

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1949).

	Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent	410	102
Temporary	100	–
Private	266	17

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies (as at 31st September, 1949).

Number of producers	109
Number of producer-retailers	16
Number of retailers	14
Number of farms licensed to produce:	
(1) "Accredited" milk	7
(2) "Tuberculin tested" milk	40

The number of producers' premises increased by eight during the year; these were premises which changed over to milk production and were reconstructed and adapted for the purpose. A further three milking sheds were reconstructed and brought up to standard, and in one case an old, unsatisfactory premises was demolished and a new milking shed and dairy were erected. A new retail dairy was established during the year equipped with modern facilities for bottling and sterilization.

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Accredited"	19	6
"Tuberculin tested"	132	37
Non-designated	–	–

Number of samples (exclusive of those mentioned above) collected for biological examination: 5.

Pasteurisation.

There were no pasteurising plants in operation in the District.

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:

(*a*) For the manufacture of ice cream	*Nil*
(*b*) For the sale of ice cream	42
Results of samples taken: Grade 1	15
" 2	27
" 3	14
" 4	5

3. Slaughterhouses.

Only three private slaughterhouses are in use in the District, in connection with the Self Suppliers of Pigs Scheme. Thirty-five pigs were inspected. No condemnations were made.

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District.	No. of Visits.	No. of faults and defects found.	No. of faults and defects remedied.
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ...	40	84	11	10
Bakehouses	14	35	5	5
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14, Food & Drugs Act)	16	48	4	4
Other food shops	116	123	2	1
Food stalls and vehicles (during hop-picking)	4	26	–	–
Food factories	1	32	1	1

5. Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat		4	1	22	11
Other food (including tinned food)		12	0	23	7

6. Food Poisoning.

No outbreaks occurred in the District during the year. A single isolated case only was notified.

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Supplies were sufficient during the year. The dry summer reduced the quality of the main water supply and necessitated heavier chlorination. The results of samples taken were as follows:—

		Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water.	Bacteriological	16	2
	Chemical: *Nil.*		
Raw water.	Bacteriological	1	
	Chemical: *Nil.*		

Approximately 99·5% of the houses are supplied directly with main water.

Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company.—A 12-inch main is being laid from Sevenoaks to Tonbridge to augment the Tonbridge supply. Over two miles of the main was laid in 1949. This is an important development and will lead to improved supplies in Tonbridge. At Brook Street Estate 2,205 yards of mains were laid of the following dimensions: 1,113 yards of 3-inch; 354 yards of 4-inch; 738 yards of 6-inch.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

Sewers and pumping plant constructed to deal with 13 houses in Shipbourne Road (previously cesspool drainage) and 26 Council houses in the Council's Trench Wood Estate.

Main sewer constructed between Council's Brook Street and Sussex Road, where it connects with existing town sewers. Farmhouse, cottage and farm buildings at Brook Street Farm connected to this sewer.

Foul and surface water drainage for 100 houses on Brook Street Estate constructed.

3. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	3,005
Informal Notices—Served	234
Complied with	207
Statutory Notices—Served	3
Complied with:	
(*a*) By owners	2
(*b*) By Local Authority in default ...	1
Legal Proceedings taken	*Nil*

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors.

Housing	874
Swimming pools	2
Hop-pickers' camps	7
Offensive trades	2
Factories	186
Petroleum Act	60
Cowsheds	61
Dairies	54
Ice-cream premises	256
Meat inspections at slaughterhouses	40
Bakehouses	83
Food shops, food stalls and vehicles, cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchen, etc., food factories, and other food preparing places	325
Infectious Disease visits	75
Rats and Mice Destruction Act	85
Miscellaneous	899

4. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District	3
Number of huts in District	63
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	220
Number of new huts erected during 1949	10
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1949 ...	7

Conditions in the camps were generally satisfactory.

5. Disinfestation.

Seven houses were found to be infested with bed bugs and treated.

6. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Rats—Number of premises treated:	
(*a*) By Rodent Operator	106
(*b*) By occupiers	3
Estimated number of rats killed:	
(*a*) At refuse tip and sewage farm	540
(*b*) Other premises	1,771
Mice—Number of premises treated:	
(*a*) By Rodent Operator	19
(*b*) By occupiers	9

Sewers.—Two further treatments were carried out during the year, one in March and one in September.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	42	29	—	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	89	81	2	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	14	76	5	Nil
Total	145	186	7	Nil

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	4	4	—	4	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(*a*) Insufficient	4	4	—	—	—
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...	16	15	—	2	—
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	24	23	—	6	Nil

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c) 3)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	2	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and washing	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	3	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (*a*) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 316

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose 874

(2) (*a*) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... 9

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose 25

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 9

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 62

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 48

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(*a*) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ... *Nil*

(*b*) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 3

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(*a*) By owners 2

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners ... 1

(*c*) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 9

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished 9

(3) Number of houses awaiting demolition (including houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made in previous year) ... ... *Nil*

(4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation) ... ... *Nil*

(*d*) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936... *Nil*

4. Housing Act, 1936. Part III. Section 26. ... ... *Nil*

Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding.

Accurate information not available.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the Year.

Keeping of animals	2
Offensive accumulations	7
Sanitary accommodation—Insufficient	*Nil*
Defective	30
Drainage—Reconstruction	*Nil*
Repaired	8
Cleansed	29
Cesspools—Abolished	*Nil*
Repaired	*Nil*
Conversions to W.C.s	*Nil*
Refuse receptacles	17
Food stores	*Nil*
Water supplies	10
Walls and ceilings	37
Floors	16

Windows and ventilation	18
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	7
Staircases	*Nil*
Coppers (defective)	3
Dampness	19
Roofs and rainwater pipes	61
Yard paving	11
Chimneys and fireplaces	15
Miscellaneous	41

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1949).

	Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent	251	74
Temporary	*Nil*	*Nil*
Private—Permanent	69	18

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. **Milk Supplies** (as at 30th September, 1949).

Number of producers	5
Number of producer-retailers	2
Number of retailers	12
Number of farms licensed to produce:	
(1) "Accredited" milk	–
(2) "Tuberculin tested" milk	2

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Accredited"	*Nil*	–
"Tuberculin tested"	10	3
Non-designated	–	–

Number of samples (exclusive of those mentioned above) collected for biological examination: 1.

Pasteurisation.

One "Holder" process pasteurising plant was in operation in the District. Seven samples for Methylene Blue test and seven for Phosphatase test were all satisfactory.

2. **Ice Cream.**

Number of premises registered:	
(*a*) For the manufacture of ice cream	4
(*b*) For the sale of ice cream	43
Results of samples: Grade 1	24
,, 2	39
,, 3	16
,, 4	14

3. Slaughterhouses.

Only one slaughterhouse licensed for pigs was in operation in the District. In this 80 pigs were inspected. In one instance part of the carcase was condemned because of tuberculosis.

4. Bakehouses.

There are 12 in the District; 83 visits were paid and 10 faults and defects found and remedied.

5. Food Preparing Places.

Number of premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food	34
Number of visits paid to food premises other than bakehouses, including cafés, restaurants, and canteens	325
Number of faults found and remedied	25

6. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	–	6	2	26	–
Other food (including tinned food)	1	13	3	105	–
Total	2	–	2	19	–

7. Food Poisoning.

No outbreaks occurred during the year. Two cases only being notified.

SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

The supply was sufficient throughout the year and the quality satisfactory after treatment. The results of samples taken were as follows:—

		Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water.	Bacteriological	47	–
	Chemical	12	–
Raw water.	Bacteriological	8	6
	Chemical: *Nil.*		

The raw water samples from Modest Corner Waterworks continue to show intermittent contamination, but all the samples after treatment were satisfactory. No cases of contamination with lead occurred. Approximately 99% of houses are supplied direct with main water. During the year there has been one additional water main, approximately 1,300 feet, laid in Broomhill Road in connection with the new housing programme.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No important additions or improvements were carried out during the year.

3. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	121
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	571
Informal Notices—Served	81
Complied with	79
Statutory Notices—Served	*Nil*
Legal Proceedings taken	*Nil*

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors.

Housing	52
Nuisances etc. (not included under Housing)	140
Factory trades	25
Shops Acts	1
Petroleum Act	18
Cowsheds	17
Dairies	17
Ice-cream premises	19
Meat inspections at slaughterhouses	80
Bakehouses	6
Food shops	22
Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchens, etc.	6
Food factories	1
Other food preparing places	4
Infectious Disease visits	22
Rats and Mice Destruction Act	24
Miscellaneous	53

4. Disinfestation.

One infested house was treated.

5. Rats and Mice Destruction.

	Rats.	Mice.
Number of complaints received	52	5
Independent investigation	34	1
Treated by anti-rodent operator	78	6
Estimated kill	1,360	37

Council property, including sewage works and refuse tips, received systematic treatment. The sewage system was treated twice during the year.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	49	7	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	22	18	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	Nil	Nil	—	—
Total	71	25	—	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(*a*) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...	4	4	—	1	—
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	—	—	—
Total	6	6	—	1	—

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (cleaning and washing) ...	1	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (*a*) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 49

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose 103

(2) (*a*) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... *Nil*

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ... *Nil*

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ... *Nil*

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 49

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 47

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(*a*) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ... *Nil*

(*b*) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts ... ... *Nil*

(*c*) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ... *Nil*

(*d*) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936... *Nil*

4. Housing Act, 1936. Part III. Section 26. ... ... *Nil*

Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding.

No accurate information available.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the Year.

Keeping of animals ...	*Nil*
Offensive accumulations ...	*Nil*
Sanitary accommodation—Insufficient ...	–
Defective ...	26
Drainage—Reconstruction ...	1
Repaired ...	–
Cleansed ...	1
Cesspools—Abolished ...	–
Repaired ...	–
Conversions to W.C.s ...	–
Refuse receptacles ...	27
Food stores ...	–
Water supplies ...	4
Walls and ceilings ...	34
Floors ...	17
Windows and ventilation ...	53
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks ...	7
Staircases ...	4
Coppers (defective) ...	1
Dampness ...	58
Roofs and rainwater pipes ...	18
Yard paving ...	–
Chimneys and fireplaces ...	11
Miscellaneous ...	36

Camps (temporary housing).

The number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at 31st December, 1949, was as follows:—

Breat Bounds Camp ... 32

The huts are deteriorating and are being demolished as vacated.

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1949).

	Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent	84	43
Temporary	30	–
Private	19	7

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies (as at 30th September, 1949).

Number of producers	7
Number of producer-retailers	2
Number of retailers	7
Number of farms licensed to produce:	
(*a*) "Accredited" milk	1
(*b*) "Tuberculin tested" milk	2

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Accredited"	5	1
"Tuberculin tested"	8	–
Non-designated	–	–

Pasteurisation.

One "Holder" process pasteurising plant was in operation in the District. Three samples taken for Methylene Blue test and three for Phosphatase test were all satisfactory.

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:

(*a*) For the manufacture of ice cream	1
(*b*) For the sale of ice cream	11
Results of samples taken: Grade 1	7
,, 2	4
,, 3	1
,, 4	3

3. Slaughter-houses. Number in District 1

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	20	17	3,803	103	–
Number inspected	20	17	3,803	103	–
All diseases except Tuberculosis:					
Whole carcases condemned ...	–	–	5	–	–
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	4	9	–	–
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	20.0	23.53	0.36	–	–
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcases condemned ...	–	–	3	–	–
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	4	8	–	–
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	20.0	23.53	0.29	–	–

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District.	No. of Visits.	No. of faults and defects found.	No. of faults and defects remedied.
Cafés, restaurants and canteens...	8	8	–	–
Bakehouses	6	6	–	–
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14, Food and Drugs Act)...	13	9	2	2
Other Food Shops	79	34	1	1
Food Factories	–	–	–	–

5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year:

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat—Slaughterhouse	–	6	1	21	–
Shops	–	–	2	24	4
Other food (including tinned food)... ...	–	–	5	23	11

6. Food Poisoning.

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

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